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SUBJECT: DESERTIFICATION PLAN OF ACTION--FINANCIAL IMPLICA-
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1. CURTIS FARRAR, AID ASS'T ADMINISTRATOR FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, HAS RECEIVED PERSONAL CABLE FROM RALPH TOWNLEY INVITING HIS PARTICIPATION IN APRIL 26-28 MEETING IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS "FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND FUNDING MODALITIES" FOR DESERTIFICATION PLAN OF ACTION. CABLE UNCLEAR ON WHETHER FARRAR EXPECTED TO ATTEND IN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY OR AS GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND WHAT THE MEETING IS EXPECTED TO YIELD IN WAY OF SPECIFIC OUTPUTS.

2. MEETING PRESUMABLY RELATED TO ANALYSIS RUEBEN MENDEZ, ON LOAN FROM UNDP, IS UNDERTAKING FOR DESERT CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT TO DEFINE COST OF IMPLEMENTING ACTION PLAN. MENDEZ VISITED DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 10 WHERE HE WAS ADVISED THAT GENERAL NATURE OF PLAN IN ITS PRESENT STATE PRECLUDES UNCLASSIFIED

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ANY MEANINGFUL COST ANALYSIS AT THIS TIME. TOLBA OBTAINED SAME REACTION WHEN HE SUGGESTED DURING HIS EARLY MARCH VISIT TO WASHINGTON THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO A MEETING OF POTENTIAL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONORS TO ADDRESS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND DIVISION OF DONOR RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. USG HAD HOPED, AND URGED, UNEP TO USE REGIONAL PRE-PARATORY MEETINGS TO PROVIDE THE FURTHER LEVEL OF DETAIL TO PLAN OF ACTION NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN PREPARING SUPPORTABLE COST ESTIMATES. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED IN THE CASE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MEETINGS. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH DETAIL, POTENTIAL DONORS WILL BE RELUCTANT TO ATTEND ANY MEETING WHICH THEY VIEW AS LIKELY TO INVOLVE IMPLIED COMMITMENTS OF FUTURE SUPPORT. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS BRITISH ARE AWARE OF THE PROPOSED NEW YORK MEETING AND VIEW IT AS "PREMATURE."

4. IN ANY CASE, FARRAR IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING DURING PERIOD CONTEMPLATED DUE TO CONGRESSIONAL HEARING. THIS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO TOWNLEY.

5. UNEP CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT (AND TOLBA, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY PERM REP) SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT USG VIEWS AS PREMATURE ANY MEETING ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN ADVANCE OF GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION. WE SUGGEST, AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THAT AN INFORMAL MEETING BE ORGANIZED AT THE TIME OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO REVIEW OPTIONS UNEP SECRETARIAT INTENDS TO PRESENT TO THE DESERT CONFERENCE WITH REGARD TO FINANCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS.

6. UNEP SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT WE PREFER INVITATIONS TO ANY MEETINGS WHICH INVOLVE PRESENT OR FUTURE USG POLICY OR COMMITMENTS BE TRANSMITTED TO PERM REP FOR APPROPRIATE FORWARDING TO DEPARTMENT.

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